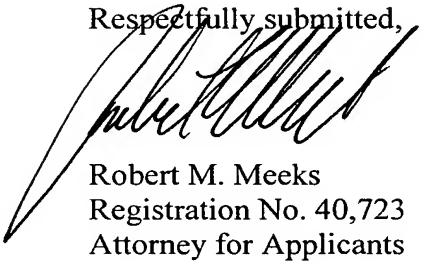


## REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement of May 13, 2004, Applicants hereby elect Invention I, corresponding to Claims 1-28. Applicants have canceled Claims 29-45 corresponding to Invention II. This cancellation is being done without prejudice to the filing of any divisional application for these and/or other claims. This election is without traverse because Applicants agree that a determination of the unpatentability of Invention I would not necessarily imply the unpatentability of Invention II.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request favorable examination and allowance of Claims 1-28.

Respectfully submitted,

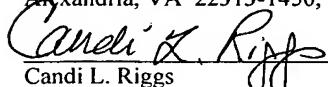


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